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VIENNA FOR CLIFFORD PARTY

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SUBJECT: MEDIA TREATMENT OF CLIFFORD VISIT

1. THE GREEK MEDIA CONTINUE TO GIVE WIDESPREAD COVERAGE TO THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF CLARK CLIFFORD TO ATHENS, ANKARA AND NICOSIA. THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH MR. CLIFFORD SHORTLY BEFORE THE LATTER'S DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON WAS REPORTED TODAY AS GIVING ADDED IMPETUS TO THE MISSION AND UNDERLINING THE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE WHICH THE PRESIDENT PERSONALLY ATTACHES TO IT.

2. THERE HAS BEEN DIFFERING SPECULATION IN THE MEDIA AS TO THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE CLIFFORD MISSION. MOST NEWSPAPERS WRITE THAT THE PRINCIPAL GOALS WILL BE TO STRENGTHEN U.S. BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH GREECE AND TURKEY, RESPECTIVELY, AND TO MAKE A NEW ASSESSMENT OF HOW THE U.S. CAN ASSIST
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IN BRINGING ABOUT A SOLUTION IN CYPRUS. A FEW OTHERS CLAIM THAT CLIFFORD WILL BE COMING TO ACT AS "A MEDIATOR" ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION, ON THE AEGEAN ISSUE, OR ON BOTH.

3. MOSCOW-ORIENTED COMMUNIST (KKE-EXTERIOR) RIZOSPASTIS CONTINUES TO CHARGE THAT CLIFFORD WILL BE ACTING AS THE AGENT OF NATO INTERESTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRO-

GOVERNMENT VRADYNI SAYS THAT THE INTENT OF THE CLIFFORD
MISSION IS TO BRING ABOUT A RAPPROCHEMENT IN GREEK-
TURKISH RELATIONS, SINCE CYPRUS WAS BEING HANDLED UNDER
THE AUSPICES OF UNSYG WALDHEIM.
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